

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-7 and 12-18, without prejudice, as follows:

1-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) A magnetic tape apparatus for controlling a running of magnetic tape, the magnetic tape apparatus controllable of a cleaning medium to clean a magnetic head, comprising:

a feed reel shaft and a take-up reel shaft respectively adapted to hold a feed reel and a take-up reel of the cleaning medium;

a magnetic head;

a control part controlling the feed reel shaft and the take-up reel shaft so as to reel the cleaning medium; and

a cleaning section determining part determining a cleaning section on the cleaning medium that is used for a single cleaning step of the magnetic head,

wherein said control part controls the feed reel shaft and the take-up reel shaft to clean the magnetic head for the cleaning section by the cleaning medium.

9. (Original) The magnetic tape apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein said cleaning medium includes a cleaning area that is longer than the cleaning section required for one cleaning of the magnetic head.

10. (Original) The magnetic tape apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein said cleaning medium includes a plurality of cleaning sections each of which has enough area for one cleaning of the magnetic head.

11. (Original) The magnetic tape apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein said control part reduces a tension of the cleaning medium more than that applying in a normal running by independently controlling the feed reel and the take-up reel when said control part runs the cleaning medium to the cleaning section determined by the cleaning section determining part.

12-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) A method of controlling a running of a magnetic tape, the method controllable of a cleaning medium to clean a magnetic head, comprising the steps of:

(a) controlling the feed reel shaft and the take-up reel shaft so as to reel the cleaning medium; and

(b) determining a cleaning section on the cleaning medium that is used for a single cleaning step of the magnetic head,

wherein said step (a) controls the feed reel shaft and the take-up reel shaft to clean the magnetic head for the cleaning section by the cleaning medium.

20. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 19, wherein said step (a) reduces tension of the cleaning medium more than that applying in a normal running by independently controlling the feed reel and the take-up reel when said step (a) runs the cleaning medium to the cleaning section determined by the cleaning section determining part.